

REMARKS

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102(e)

Claims 1-8, 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hamagishi US Patent No. 5,855,425. The office action cites Figure 1 of Hamagishi as illustrating a first passive array 2 which is moved and a second array with subarrays 1 forming an image. The office action further states that relative movement between the arrays is discussed (col. 6, lines 30-55).

Applicant's claim 1, as amended herein recites a limitation of, "means for controlling the distance between the passive first array and the second array." The specification of the '425 patent does not disclose or suggest "controlling the distance between the passive first array and the second array". Regarding Figure 1 of the '425 patent, the specification merely states (col 6 lines 32-35):
"Consequently, the sensor 10 detects the movement of the viewer 3, and the driving and control unit 12 changes only the light transmitting portion 21a (See Fig. 1) **leftward** by the width of one stripe, that is, one pitch b depending on the position..." (emphasis added). Therefore there is no disclosure of controlling the distance **between** the passive first array and the second array.

Support for applicant's claim is found in applicant's specification, for example, on page 4 line 33 to page 5 line 8.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamagishi 5855425.

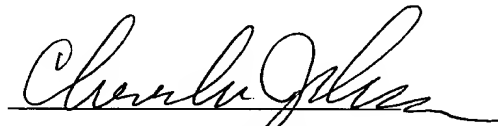
Claim 9 depends ultimately from claim 1, and is therefore deemed to include the limitations of claim 1. Applicant believes claim 1 is allowable as amended. Therefore the rejection of claim 9 is believed moot.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § § 102 (b) and 103(a) and allowance of the claims as amended herein.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would clarify any issues raised herein.

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